

## **Pat Wood, III Biography**

Pat Wood, III is Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the independent regulator of the nation's wholesale electric power industry, natural gas, oil and refined products pipelines and its hydroelectric facilities.

Wood is the longest-serving appointee of George W. Bush, having been named by him to the Public Utility Commission of Texas in February 1995 to regulate the state's telecommunications and power industries. Wood served as Chairman of that Commission until joining the FERC in June 2001.

A native of Port Arthur, Texas, Wood received a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. He has worked as an engineer with Arco Indonesia and as an attorney with the Baker & Botts law firm in Washington, DC. Wood also served as legal advisor to Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioner Jerry Langdon and as legal counsel to Texas Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson.

Wood believes that competition can do better than regulation in delivering customer benefits and service innovations. Throughout his career, he has worked to advance a pro-customer, market-oriented vision of utility regulation.

Wood is married to the former Kathleen Ryder. They have three sons, Patrick, John Thomas, and Charles.